

## **BISSELL Pet Foundation Brings Holiday Hope to Shelter Pets Across the Country**

*Harris County Pets joins 275+ shelters participating in "Empty the Shelters – Holiday Hope" event*

*NOTE: See photos and bios of featured long-stay dogs below.*

**HOUSTON, TX (November 29, 2022)** — BISSELL Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, is bringing hope to the nation's shelter pets this holiday season with its "Empty the Shelters – Holiday Hope" adoption event Dec. 1 – 11. BISSELL Pet Foundation sponsors reduced adoption fees of \$50 or less per cat or dog during each nationwide event. This event will be hosted in more than 275 shelters in 43 states, including Harris County Pets.

- Harris County Pets will participate Dec. 1–11, 2022, at 612 Canino Rd Houston, TX 77076, offering fee-waived adoptions for cats and dogs.
- Adoption hours: Monday-Friday: 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- All animals in our care can be viewed at [www.countypets.com](http://www.countypets.com).

"BISSELL Pet Foundation is in constant communication with our shelter partners across the country and they are struggling with unprecedented increases in owner surrenders and longer stays for pets," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "With so many great pets waiting in shelters, our 'Empty the Shelters – Holiday Hope' event is the perfect opportunity to save a life through adoption and create space to give another homeless pet a chance. If you can't adopt, please consider fostering."

BISSELL Pet Foundation's "Empty the Shelters" event is the largest funded adoption event in the country. This lifesaving event began in 2016 with a goal of encouraging more families to choose adoption. Nearly 160,000 pets have found loving homes since its inception. "Empty the Shelters" is BISSELL Pet Foundation's largest program, partnering with 560 animal welfare organizations in 47 states and Canada to reduce adoption fees.

Pet adoption is a lifetime commitment, and not just for the holidays. BISSELL Pet Foundation and Harris County Pets urge families to do their research about the pet they are interested in adopting, as well as adoption requirements. For more information on adopting or donating to "Empty the Shelters," visit [www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters) and [www.countypets.com](http://www.countypets.com)

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### **About BISSELL Pet Foundation**

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, microchipping and emergency support. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with more than 5,600 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Inc. where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit [www.bissellpetfoundation.org](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org).

### **About Harris County Pets**

Harris County Pets, resourced by Harris County Public Health, provides veterinary care and adoption services for homeless pets, a pet medical clinic for the public, responsible pet ownership education, as well as animal control services in unincorporated Harris County. Visit our website, [CountyPets.com](http://CountyPets.com), and connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

## Featured Long-Stay Dogs at Harris County Pets

Below are a few long-stay dogs available for adoption at Harris County Pets (HCP). Visit [CountyPets.com/adopt](https://www.harriscountypets.com/adopt) for a viewing of all adoptable pets and adoption hours. No appointments are needed. All adoptions at HCP include spay/neuter, microchip with lifetime registration, a one-year Harris County pet license and age-appropriate vaccinations. Adoption fees are waived for all dogs at HCP during the Empty the Shelters event Dec. 1-11.

**Name: Hannah**

**Animal ID: A600128**

**Breed: American Staff Terrier**

**Gender: Female**

**Approximate age: 7 years**

**Weight: 43 pounds**

Hanna is a calm and very friendly gal who is available for adoption or foster. Having been temporarily fostered last weekend, she does just fine in a home with other dogs, but cats can be challenging. She appears to be housetrained and slept well in her crate during her temporary foster. "Hannah will go on a walk if you insist but is much happier lounging with you on the sofa," reports HCP on its [Facebook page](#). "She also can't resist a good back scratching."



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**Name: Colby**

**Animal ID: A595837**

**Breed: American Staff**

**Gender: Male**

**Approximate age: 5 years**

**Weight: 52 pounds**

Colby, who was impounded as a stray on July 26, is one of many friendly long-stay dogs at HCP in need of a forever or foster home. He has minor non-contagious skin issues that just won't resolve itself in a shelter environment, according to shelter staff. HCP would provide the medications to help treat his skin if he adopted or fostered. He is kenneled with another great dog Grady (see below), and they do very well together. "Colby is very loving and affectionate but needs some confidence and someone to show him people are great," reports HCP on its [Facebook page](#).



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**Name: Grady**

**Animal ID: A596510**

**Breed: American Staff**

**Gender: Male**

**Approximate age: 1 year**

**Weight: 30 pounds**

Grady has been kenneled with another dog, Colby (see above), and would benefit from a foster home or forever home. "Grady is very social and friendly but tends to get too excited sometimes, so a home with older kids would be best," reports HCP. Grady is heartworm negative and neutered.